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My dear Gray

All researches are in vain
I have again taken out all the bundles
from my boxes and find nothing of
the kind. When first you wrote about
the missing parcel last year I was
in a fright for fear I had taken
your set for mine and so to it
out into my "Inserenda" bundle
but since then I have laid in the
whole of my Polypetalae and have
certainly no Wright's plants
but the single set you sent me
before you came to Europe and
which has only the old not the
new number. It occurs to me now
that perhaps the missing parcel
never came here at all - You
looked over with me my sets
of all the collections you had given

me - Wright's Tenders etc and
I think it must be that that you
recollect - and I sincerely trust you
may yet find your set at home
for I cannot conceive how it can
have vanished from heaven

I am exceedingly busy and write
in a hurry but I thought you would
be expecting to hear the result of
my renewed search

Yours very sincerely

George Peckham